



### About the Cover

The world tried to write an end to the Author of life with the implements of death. But a hammer, nails, and a crown of thorns have been used by God in His greater plan to bring us salvation. Christ has been raised from the dead to never die again (see Romans 6:9). Death cannot be the end of the Author of life. Because we are in Him, our end is only life.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### First Reading: Acts 3:11–21

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

### Epistle: 1 John 3:1–7

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as

he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

### Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36–49

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

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whom God raised  
from the dead

Acts 3:15



# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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### Welcome to Our Visitors

We pray all will be spiritually enriched by your visit to this "House of God." Here Christ breaks the silence that surrounds mortal man in his sin and death. Here in Christ Jesus, we hear the voice of the Eternal One, and hear the voice of the Father, and that He loves us, that He forgives us and that in the resurrection of Christ, He has made us His Children and has given us victory over death itself.

In our Worship, this Morning, we celebrate the Holy Communion. As Lutherans, we believe and teach that in the Sacrament we receive Christ's true body and blood, thus it is our duty to examine ourselves to our worthiness before reception of the Lord's Supper, (see pages 329-330 of the hymnal, Christian Questions and Their Answers). We ask that if you are not a member of our Congregation or a member of a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation, that you speak to Pastor or an Elder before the Service.

### THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Liturgy – Divine Service III Pages 184-202

Ringling of the Bells, Welcome, and Announcements

Opening Hymn LSB#474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

Invocation

Confession – Absolution Pages 184-185 (left side)

The Introit:

P: In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

C: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

P: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

C: O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

P: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

C: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the

beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

The Kyrie Page 186

The Gloria in Excelsis Pages 187-189

The Salutation and Collect of the Day Page 189

The First Reading: Acts 3:11-21

P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual: (spoken by the Pastor)

The Epistle 1John 3:1-7

P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

The Triple Alleluia Page 156

The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36-49

The Nicene Creed Page 191

The Hymn of the Day LSB#483 With High Delight Let Us Unite

The Sermon Let No One Deceive You 1John 3:1-7

The Offering

The Offertory Pages 192-193

The Prayer of the Church Response: P: Lord, in Your mercy, C: Hear our Prayer.

The Service of Holy Communion Pages 194ff

The Distribution: Continuous Line

If you desire the Common Cup indicate to Pastor, when you receive the Host.

The Distribution Hymn LSB#467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

The Nunc Dimittis Pages 199-200

The Thanksgiving and Post Communion Collect Pages 200-201

The Salutation and Benedicamus Pages 201-202

The Benediction Page 202

Closing Hymn LSB#488 He is Arisen! Glorious Word

Please stay for the Voters' Meeting

Saturday Evening Worship: 5:30 PM.

Holy Communion First and Third Saturdays

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 AM

Holy Communion: Second and Fourth Sundays